

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 4, lines 1-11 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

The indicator ~~[[105]]~~ 115 may include one or more light emitting diodes (LED). For example, a green LED may be used to indicate the channel is not currently receiving any data, and thus is available for the user to speak. A red LED may be used when incoming data is being received, indicating that the channel is not available for the user to speak. Although an indication may be used to indicate that the channel is both available and not available, it can be appreciated that only one indication is required. Thus, ~~[[is]]~~ if only a green LED were used, the user would know to speak when the green LED were lit and not to speak when the green LED was not lit.

Please replace page 5, lines 12-24 and page 6, lines 1-13 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format.

Returning to block ~~[[215]]~~ 210, if the telephone 100 is not operating in full duplex mode, the use of the indicator 115 may be desired. The telephone 100 may not be operating in full duplex mode when the speakerphone functionality is activated, and the telephone 100 operates in half duplex mode. However, the present invention may be used anytime the telephone 100 is not operating in full duplex mode, and the description involving the speakerphone mode is used only as an example. The process 200 proceeds along the NO branch to block 220. In block 220, the telephone 100 determines whether any data is currently being received over the transmission channel. Any technique known in the art for determining whether data is being received may be

used by the present invention. If the telephone 100 is receiving data over the communication channel, the user should not attempt to speak. However, if the channel is clear, the user may transmit data. If no data is detected on the channel, the process 200 proceeds along the NO branch to block 225. In block 225, the telephone 100 provides an indication to the user that the channel is clear. As discussed above, this may be in the form of a green LED in the indicator 115. Of course, other indicators may be used without departing from the spirit of the invention. When the user sees the indication, the user may speak, thus transmitting data onto the channel. After the user has completed speaking, the process 200 proceeds back to block 220 to again determine if any incoming data is detected.